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In re application of:

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For: A METHOD OF STERILIZING A PACKAGE MATERIAL

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RULE 1.53(b) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of allowed prior application Serial No. 09/284,050 filed July 6, 1999, entitled: **A METHOD OF STERILIZING A PACKAGE MATERIAL**

1. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER THE AMENDMENT BELOW

| For: Basic Filing Fee | No. filed | No. extra | Fees for small entity large entity | |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|-------|
| Total claims..... | 3-20= | 0 | \$385 | \$770 |
| Indep claims..... <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim | 1- 3= | 0 | | |
| Total | | | \$385 | |

*If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. EXPRESS MAIL (EV 322245388 US)

Date: December 4, 2003

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2. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply (complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(d) for the total number of months checked below:

| Extension (months) | Fee for other than small entity | Fee for small entity |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$ 420.00 | \$210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 950.00 | \$475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$1,480.00 | \$740.00 |

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for ____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

3. ☒ Check no. 5162 in the amount of \$ 385.00 is to cover the filing fee and
4. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ A copy of the Original Application
6. ☒ A copy of the Declaration and Assignment to Tetra Laval Holdings & Finance SA
7. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a ☐ continuation-in-part, ☒ continuation application, ☐ division, of application
Serial No. 09/284,050, filed July 6, 1999.

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